



## New Bahru Factory Block Opens Singapore: 60+ Brand Lineup Now Complete

### Description

The **New Bahru Factory Block Singapore** is officially open at 58 Kim Yam Road, marking the development's final phase. With the recently refurbished School Hall, the former Nan Chiau High School site now houses 62 brands across F&B, retail, wellness, enrichment, hospitality, art and culture – the most ambitious creative cluster Lo & Behold Group has put together to date.

Below, we walk through the new Factory Block's tenants, the international names making their Singapore debut, and what's worth a first visit.

### What's New At The Factory Block



Factory Block Level 1 retail corridor at New Bahru – BEAMS visible, the first Southeast Asia flagship of the celebrated Japanese fashion label. Image: Lo & Behold Group / Tate Anzur

The Factory Block sits inside the former Tai Wah Garments & Knitting Factory – a 1967 building that was once part of Singapore’s manufacturing boom. Restored in collaboration with award-winning Shanghai studio Linehouse, the first two floors now house multi-concept retail and dining laid out across an open atrium and a 130-seat communal dining hall on the second floor.

### Three standalone F&B concepts

- **Dumpling Darlings** – its largest and flagship store, with an expanded izakaya-inspired menu developed with Mod-Sin restaurant Mustard Seed, a refreshed cocktail menu and exclusive merchandise.
- **Parlour** – a new-to-market gelato parlour devoted to classic flavours, leaning into old-world nostalgia for an immersive in-store experience.

- **SUSHIRO** is Japan's leading kaiten conveyor-belt sushi chain, with over 100 varieties of sushi and side dishes. (We covered the Sushiro New Bahru opening in our [earlier piece on the 28 April launch.](#))

## Five food kiosks in the communal dining hall



Factory Block's second-floor communal dining hall is 130 seats anchoring five food kiosks (Fico, Kulon, LAIFABA, Orh Gao Peh Gao, Kios Minang). Image: Lo & Behold Group / Tate Anzur

- **Fico** is the Michelin Bib Gourmand-awarded seaside Italian by Chef Mirko Febbrile of Somma and the Lo & Behold Group, here as a limited-time pasta pop-up showcasing Cucina Povera handmade pastas, a step beyond its East Coast Park home.
- **Kulon** is Forbes 30 Under 30 restaurateur Haris Ahmad's Indonesian restaurant, opening its first kiosk concept centred on classic *bakmi* and a modern tapas-style spread for sharing.

- **LAIFABA** – the cult-favourite, family-run char siew and wanton noodle store, here in a new kiosk concept of flavour-driven rice bowls and Gua Bao wood-fired roast platters.
- **Orh Gao Peh Gao** – a dual-day-to-night kiosk serving modern coffeeshop favourites as Peh Gao Coffeeshop by day, and transforming into Orh Gao Taproom for craft beer and Asian-inspired plates by night. Their second location.
- **Kios Minang by Rumah Makan Minang** – recognised by the National Heritage Board as an SG Heritage Business, joining the lineup with fan-favourite nasi padang and a New Bahru-exclusive nasi padang wrap.

## Four International Tenants Make Their Singapore Mark

- **BEAMS** – celebrated Japanese fashion label opens its first directly-operated Southeast Asia flagship store at New Bahru, anchored by a curated selection from BEAMS and Demi-Luxe BEAMS plus a Singapore-exclusive merchandise drop.
- **future resonance** – emerging from Bali-based Pyramids of Chi, a new-to-market wellness concept centred on sound healing, light-sound-vibration technology and somatic practices, opening on the School Block’s fourth-floor LABS.
- **VEJA** (limited-time pop-up) – French footwear label takes its first Singapore retail foothold, offering consciously-made sneakers crafted with organic and recycled materials.
- **YETI** (limited-time pop-up) – the American outdoor-goods brand showcases its signature drinkware and gear in Singapore, putting its performance-driven design front and centre.

## Digital-First Brands And A Rotating Pop-Up Platform

**Stacked Store**, the online retailer of design-led homeware and lifestyle objects, makes the leap to brick-and-mortar with a cosy, living-room-style space in the Factory Block – a step up from its former appointment-only showroom. **Store Store**, on the second floor of the School Block, launched in April as New Bahru’s rotating pop-up platform; the first edition runs through July with lifestyle and fashion labels SOURCE and Atlas Kind, with rotating design collections, limited releases and brand collaborations to follow.

## The School Hall – Now Open For Programming



The refreshed School Hall, restored by Open Studio. Image: New Bahru / Lo & Behold Group (via newbahru.com)

The original School Hall — designed in 1969 by James Ferrie & Partners — has been gently restored by local studio Open Studio. Partitions came down to reveal the original ventilation blocks and brise soleil, and historic teak wall panelling and ecru mosaic flooring were repaired in situ. New touches like a waffle ceiling and custom light fixtures support its new role as a flexible venue for live performances and exhibitions.

Recent highlights inside the hall include **HOT BODIES**, a design-led exhibition by Anak with 10 global creatives exploring fashion’s response to rising global temperatures, and **Rituals of Perception**, the inaugural exhibition by Tanoto Art Foundation featuring 23 international artists during Singapore Art Week 2026. The hall also hosts community-led events and bookable pickleball courts.

## Why It Matters — A Growing Creative Cluster

“We’ve been very deliberate about what would complement and grow our existing ecosystem,” says Wee Teng Wen, Managing Partner of The Lo & Behold Group. “This final milestone sees New Bahru truly come into its own — a destination where Singapore’s most compelling creative voices and a breadth of discovery come together to offer a distinct lens into our city.”

The completed mix sits alongside Lo & Behold’s flagship F&B properties (Tanjong Beach Club, Odette, Le Bon Funk, The Coconut Club, Claudine, Fico, Somma and Belimbing) and rounds out the cluster as a serious destination for a half-day’s wandering — coffee, lunch, retail loop, gelato, dinner.

## Plan The Visit

- **Address:** 46 & 58 Kim Yam Road, Singapore
- **Nearest MRT:** Fort Canning (Downtown Line) — about 8 minutes’ walk
- **Web:** [newbahru.com](https://newbahru.com) | **Instagram:** @newbahru

For more on New Bahru’s existing line-up, see our 2024 walkthrough of the development, [New Bahru — the old Nan Chiau High School, a new dining and shopping concept](#). For more new openings around town, our [Things to Do in Singapore This May 2026](#) roundup is a good starting point.

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